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LETTER DATED 20 MARCH 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EL SALVADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your attention to my note dated 16 March 1998, in which I transmitted to you, annexed thereto, the original letter dated 10 March 1998 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Mr. Ramón E. Gonzalez Giner, addressed to you concerning your successful mission in Iraq (see annex).

I should be very grateful in this connection if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ricardo G. CASTANEDA
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ANNEX

Letter dated 10 March 1998 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador addressed to the Secretary-General

It is our pleasure to express to you the appreciation of the people and Government of El Salvador and to extend their congratulations to you for the successful use of your good offices in bringing about a peaceful negotiated solution to the current Iraq crisis.

Your timely and wise action truly demonstrated that situations such as this can be resolved through the diplomatic channel and engender total confidence in the United Nations as an entity for guaranteeing the peaceful settlement of conflicts between States.

We hope that the Government of Iraq fulfils the commitments made to you and the Security Council in order to avoid a possible armed confrontation, which would destabilize harmony and world peace.

The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will carefully follow the progress made towards a settlement of this dispute, in the hope that the necessary resources will continue to be used in order to bring about its felicitous resolution.

(Signed) Ramón E. GONZALEZ GINER
Minister for Foreign Affairs